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1. On 23 October 1950, a high-ranking VP officer stated that pre-fabricated wooden houses would be set up around Berlin to quarter VP units. Such houses were being manufactured in several saw-mills, including those at Schoerwalde (N 53/Z 66), Basdorf (N 53/Z 87) and Halbe (N 53/V 00). They came in two types, type G quartering 100 men and type GG quartering 250 men. In the northern portion of the Berlin perimeter, type-G houses were to be assembled and furnished in Basdorf, Schildow, Moenchmuehle, Zuehlsdorf, Schoenerlinde, Schoerwalde, and Muehlenbeck, and type-GG houses in Lindenberg, Schwanebeck, and Zepernick. One type-G building, which was to serve as a model, was already under construction at Basdorf.
2. A list which was examined at the 2d Police Construction Staff in Koenigswusterhausen (N 53/V 02) on 30 October stated that, in the northern portion of the Berlin perimeter, construction crews for type-G houses were located in Schoeneiche, Neuenhagen, Moenow, Mehrow, Birkholz, Schwanebeck, Boernicke, Schoerwalde, Schildow, Schoenfliess, Muehlenbeck, Summt, Basdorf, Zuehlsdorf, Wansicken-dorf, and Prenden; and construction crews for type-GG houses in Altlandsberg, Blumberg, Seefeld, Lindenberg, Zepernick, Schoenerlinde, Zuehlslake forestry office, Wandlitz, Zehlendorf, Kloster-felde, Utzdorf, and Biesenthal. In addition, the barracks installations in Bernau (N 53/Z 96) and Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) were to be reconditioned and furnished to house about 400 police each.
3. On 19 November, it was observed that the assembly of prefabricated houses in the northern portion of the Berlin perimeter was in full progress, the sections of the houses being delivered by the wood-working factory in Halbe. The house at Basdorf was scheduled to be occupied on 1 December, and the houses in Wandlitz, Zuehlsdorf and Summt were to be ready for indoor furnishing by 1 December. It was learned that the 2d Police Construction Staff at 59 August Viktoriastrasse, Karlshorst, was recently charged with the procurement of the technical equipment for the prefabricated houses.

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4. On 9 December, an acceptance commission inspected the sample house at Basdorf. The house was built larger than it was originally planned, so as to give it a capacity of 400 men. The sections of the prefabricated houses were manufactured by saw-mills in such a way that they could be assembled into buildings of any desired size. On the same day it was learned that the house in Schoenerlinde had been completed, while the houses at Luelsdorf, Wensickendorf, Zehlendorf, Klosterfelde, Buchlenbeck, Schoenflies, Blankenfelde and Wednitz were still being assembled.
5. On 9 December, VP quarters were being assembled in four places along the semi-circular Autobahn south of Berlin, namely quarters for 600 men in Michendorf, quarters for 200 men in Genshagen, quarters for 200 men in Pönnigswusterhausen, and quarters for 200 men in Friedrichshof. *
6. A wooden house to quarter VP personnel was under construction at the Heinersdorf (N 53/E 83) estate in November. It was 25 to 30 meters long and about 10 meters wide. The construction of a second building of the same type was started in early December. On 7 December, it was learned that a Grenzpolizei Kommando, subordinate to the Grenzberetschaft in Feltow, was stationed at the Heinersdorf estate for some time.

* Comment. The localities mentioned are on the perimeter of Berlin, on the line occupied by Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizei units. The construction of new VP quarters does not necessarily imply a reinforcement of the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizei personnel because the Grenzberetschaften, Grenzkommandanturen, and Grenzkommandos have been accommodated to date in temporary quarters, such as farm houses and factory buildings. The billeting capacity of the new VP quarters, which exceeds the strength of the Ring-um-Berlin units estimated at about 2,000 police, is believed to have been too high in some instances.

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